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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 20, 2009

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 20, 2009

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 20, 2009.

In the Action, restriction is required between:

(I) Claims 1-16, identified by the Examiner as being directed to an epoxy resin composition (for carbon-fiber-reinforced composite materials) and a corresponding prepreg;

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(II) Claims 17 and 18-26, identified by the Examiner as

being directed to a carbon-fiber-reinforced composite sheet and an

integrated molding comprising said sheet; and

(III) Claims 17 and 27-42, identified by the Examiner as

being directed to a carbon-fiber-reinforced composite sheet

and a fiber-reinforced composite sheet comprising said sheet.

Applicants elect the subject matter of group (I), Claims 1-16,

for prosecution in this application. This election is made without

traverse with the understanding that the applicants' rights under

35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and 121 to the filing of a divisional application

directed to the non-elected subject matter are retained.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete and proper response

to the Office Action dated March 20, 2009. A favorable action on

the merits of the elected subject matter is believed to be in order

and is respectfully solicited.

In the event any fees are required, please also charge our

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Respectfully submitted,

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